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REGION III

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SUBJECT: Chisman Creek Superfund Site
Meeting with VEPCO - August 29, 1985

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FROM: Carol Stokes, Compliance Officer
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TO: Chisman Creek Site File

THRU: Walter Graham, Project Officer
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Representatives of Virginia Electric Power Company ("VEPCO") and Decision Focus, Inc., came to Philadelphia to meet with EPA Region III representatives to discuss a Risk Assessment that the Electric Power Research Institute ("EPRI") is funding on the Chisman Creek Superfund Site ("the Chisman Site"). The list of attendees is attached.

D. Warner North, of Decision Focus, Inc., the consulting firm hired by EPRI, presented the reasoning behind choosing the Chisman Site as a case study for their risk assessment model. The Chisman Site was chosen because it is the only ash disposal site produced by an electric power company on the National Priorities List ("NPL"). The Decision Focus/EPRI Risk Assessment will include the incorporation of existing data on Chisman Creek into a ground water model, the evaluation of remedial alternatives, and a cost benefit analysis. EPRI will compare their Risk Assessment to EPA's Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") and use this comparison to analyze the government's decision making process.

After some general discussions on the two studies it was decided that EPA's RI/FS and EPRI's RA will proceed as independent studies, both of which will be using the same data base. The schedules for the various documents were discussed. A draft of the remedial investigation should be received by EPA in mid-September, the first draft of the feasibility study is scheduled for review in October, the Record of Decision ("ROD") should be completed by the end of January, 1986 provided the RI and FS documents are received on schedule. The EPRI study is scheduled for completion in December, 1985. In order to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest EPA's FS and EPRI's RA will remain completely independent during their drafting.

Mr. North asked whether EPA would be willing to share its data. Mr. Graham informed him that EPA was already sharing its data with VEPCO.

VEPCO wanted to know if EPA would like a representative who would act as an observer on EPRI's advisory committee for the risk assessment. It was decided that Kathy Hodgkiss would look into the appropriateness of having such an EPA representative and possibly who that representative would be.

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Mr. Wassersug summarized the following points:

- EPA will supply to Decision Focus, Inc. the names of those individuals who will be serving as experts during the completion of the RI/FS. EPRI will be supplying to EPA the names of their experts.
- EPA has put together a community relations Plan. The plan includes the possibility of a public meeting next month to release the RI. EPA will look ahead at how the present community relations plan should be modified to effectively address the relationship of EPRI's study to EPA's RI/FS.
- The possibility of having an EPA representative or observer involved in EPRI's study will be investigated.

Towards the close of the meeting Bruce Smith discussed EPA's ROD process, agreement possibilities, and the delegation process.

VEPCO was interested in receiving a list of all parties who receive demand letters, and EPA's policy on the delegation process procedure. Three copies of EPA's RI/FS guidance were distributed.

Walter Graham said he would forward some current guidance on risk assessment and contaminant migration to Decision Focus.

cc. Kathy Hodgkiss, Chief
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